

*Atty Docket: HES 2004-IP-013105U1**Patent***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*****Status of Claims***

Claims 1-97 are pending in this patent application.

Claims 1-53 are allowed

Claims 54, 56, 61, 63, 65, 67-69, 72, 73, 77, 78, 81, 82, 86, 88, 89, 91-93 stand rejected.

Claims 55, 57-60, 62, 64, 66, 70, 71, 74-76, 79, 80, 83-85, 87, 90, and 94-97 stand objected to.

The Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1-53. The Examiner objected to claims 55, 57-60, 62, 64, 66, 70, 71, 74-76, 79, 80, 83-85, 87, 90, and 94-97 as being allowable but depending on rejected independent claims. Consequently, the limitations of claim 55 have been incorporated into claim 54, the limitations of claim 75 have been incorporated into claim 73, and claims 55 and 75 have been canceled. In addition, claim 97 has been rewritten in independent form. Consequently, claims 1-54, 56-74, and 76-97 should be in a condition for allowance.

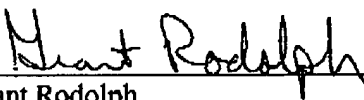
*Atty Docket: HES 2004-IP-013105U1**Patent***CONCLUSION**

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office action dated February 23, 2006 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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